

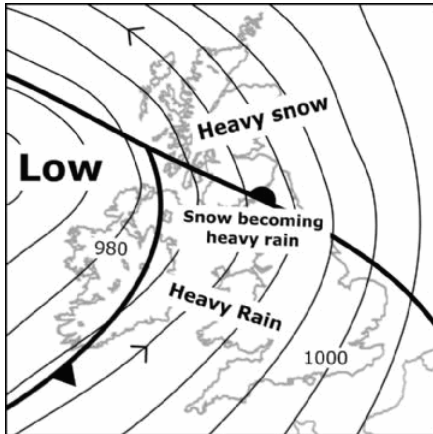
Lake District

The entire Lake District National Park, taking in all major summits, including Scafell, Helvellyn, Skiddaw, the Langdales and Old Man of Coniston.



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General Summary for Saturday, 23 November, 2024



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 23 November, 2024

Severe weather widely with storm-force upland winds; heavy snow over the Highlands giving sustained blizzard conditions to lower elevations. A rapid switch from snow to rain up to high tops for northern England, already by dawn in Wales - here prolonged heavy rain with flooding likely.

Headline for Lake District

Severe gales; heavy snow at first, rapid switch to rain and thawing.

Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 23 November, 2024

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeast switching southwesterly 45 to 70mph. Gusts 80mph possible higher fells in morning. Speeds moderating a little from west later in day, but increasing again into night.
Effect of wind on you?	Severe conditions, any activity on the exposed ridges highly dangerous regardless of experience. Difficult even on lower hills, gusts may knock you over.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Heavy snow at first becoming heavy rain in morning; rapid thaw, flood risk Heavy snow starting before dawn, substantial fresh accumulation within a few hours, but rapidly turning to rain up to higher tops during the morning. Heavy rain continuing widely into afternoon, highest totals SW fells. Intensity eases into evening, but more periods of rain into night. Very wet underfoot, streams rising quickly to be in spate.
Cloud on the hills?	Hills covered extensively Hills fully covered, very likely all day, to lowest slopes particularly on south-facing hills. Highest cloud bases north Lakes at times 600m or above.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Almost nil
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast. Whiteout at first; visibility staying very poor due to rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Rising from -2C at dawn, to +6C into afternoon, or higher after dark.
Freezing Level	200 to 400m at dawn, lowest in east, but rising rapidly from southwest, above all summits into middle of day.

Lake District - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 24 November	Monday 25 November
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Southwesterly 40 to 45mph, up to 55mph on higher slopes, possibly 60-65mph at times on highest fells. Walking challenging with winds impeding progress. Significant wind chill.	Southwest turning westerly, 50 to 70mph. Difficult conditions across the fells, severe where exposed on higher areas. Significant wind chill even on mid-slopes.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Widespread rain, heaviest southwest Widespread rain in the morning, some heavy in higher terrain. Highest fells and south/southwestern slopes will continue to see showers through the day.	Showery, snow highest tops Showery rain, or falling as snow on highest summits near/above 900m. Merging to be frequent or persistent at times especially in west. Heavy bursts may contain hail.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive Extensive cloud covering tops throughout the day, often to lower elevations in south and western areas.	Varied, but covering tops most of day Cloud base rapidly changing, but often covering the fells above 600 to 800m, lowest over western areas. Brief higher breaks mainly easternmost areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, reduced visibility in rain, particularly where heavy on higher tops	Rare glimpses of sun mainly east. Visibility briefly good, though slight haze; suddenly very poor due to precipitation.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	4 or 5C, slightly warmer around dawn. By evening, dropping slightly lower. Feeling near -8C in wind. Above the summits	3C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. Just above highest summits.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 24 November, 2024**

A powerful area of low pressure continues to influence all areas Sunday into Monday, bringing sustained gales from lower hills upward, storm-force on higher mountains. After a rapid period of thaw in all areas late Saturday, by Sunday-Monday the Scottish high tops are back just below freezing point. Frequent showery rain, or snow on the Munros, most persistent in the west. Into midweek, higher pressure tries to expand over Britain bringing drier conditions, with temperatures nearer the seasonal average compared to the current very cold spell. Periods of rain and milder southerly air later in the week - above freezing to all tops. Early December shows signs of chillier northerlies returning.

Forecast issued at 16:00 on Friday, 22 November, 2024

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